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Application Number	10/028,196
Filing Date	December 20, 2001
First Named Inventor	Michiharu Ichikawa
Art Unit	3724
Examiner Name	Isaac N. Hamilton
Attorney Docket Number	34245

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- b. ☐ Other _____

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/028,196
Applicant : Michiharu Ichikawa
Filed : December 20, 2001
Title : PUNCH PRESS AND MACHINING METHOD
OF THE PUNCH PRESS

TC/A.U. : 3724
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AMENDMENT "B" AFTER FINAL UNDER RULE 1.116

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003 (Paper No. 9).

The three month period for responding to the Office Action expires on November 18, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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